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January 2014 Labor Report

- Kansas gained 19,200 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs since January 2013, a 1.4 percent increase. The state gained 20,500 seasonally adjusted private sector jobs over the year, a 1.9 percent gain.
- Since December 2013, the state gained 600 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs, with no percentage change. Kansas added 2,500 seasonally adjusted private sector jobs since last month, or 0.2 percent.
- Kansas gained 19,000 nonfarm jobs over the year, a 1.4 percent increase. Kansas gained 20,700 private sector jobs since January 2013, a 1.9 percent increase.
- Over the month, Kansas lost 31,300 nonfarm jobs, a 2.2 percent decrease. Kansas lost 21,800 private sector jobs since December 2013, a 1.9 percent decrease. These losses are due to seasonal factors.
- The January 2014 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.8 percent, down from 4.9 percent last month and down from 5.6 percent in January 2013.
- The January 2014 unemployment rate in Kansas was 5.4 percent, up from 4.6 percent in December 2013 and down from 6.3 percent one year ago.
 - Learn about the difference between seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted numbers here.
- Eight of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over the year job gains. These gains were greatest in:
 - Professional and business services increased by 8,200 jobs, a 5.3 percent gain. Growth was mainly in administrative support services, waste management and remediation services.
 - Construction gained 5,200 jobs, a 10.4 percent increase, with gains primarily in specialty trade contractors.
 - Trade, transportation and utilities gained 4,500 jobs, a 1.8 percent increase. The gains were largely in retail trade.
- Three of the 11 major industries reported statewide over the year job losses. These were in:
 - Government lost 1,700 jobs, a 0.7 percent reduction. Losses were mainly at the federal level.
 - Manufacturing declined by 1,500 jobs, or 0.9 percent. The losses were in durable goods.
 - Leisure and hospitality lost 1,100 jobs or a 1 percent decline. The reductions were in arts, entertainment and recreation.
- One of the 11 major industries in Kansas reported over the month job gains:
 - Information gained 100 jobs, a 0.4 percent increase.
- Ten of the 11 major industries reported statewide over the month job losses. These losses were greatest in the following areas:
 - Government lost 9,500 jobs, a 3.6 percent reduction, mainly at the state and local levels.

- Trade, transportation and utilities lost 8,100 jobs, or 3 percent. Losses were primarily seasonal losses in retail trade, specifically in general merchandise stores.
- Professional and business services lost 3,900 jobs, a 2.3 percent decline. Losses were mainly in administrative support services, waste management and remediation services.
- There were 15,709 initial claims for unemployment benefits in January 2014, down from 19,749 initial claims in December 2013 and down from 17,413 last year. There were 108,341 continued claims in January 2014, down from 124,370 the previous month and down from 149,090 in January 2013. These numbers include all available programs.
- Annually, the monthly statistics are revised according to standards set by the U.S. Department of Labor, to assure consistency of reporting among the states. Revisions to the following have been completed and are available on the KDOL website:
 - 2012 and 2013 nonfarm data.
 - Statewide civilian labor force data for 2009-2013,
 - Sub-state civilian labor force data for 2013 (subject to further revision) and
 - Sub-state civilian labor force data for 2012 will be released with the March Labor Report.

The February 2014 Labor Report will be released on March 27, 2014.

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